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## **Emerald Bay State Park Boat-In Campsites On Reservation System for First Time**

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE – Effective June 13, 2003 through September 1, visitors to the popular boat-in campsites at scenic Emerald Bay State Park must make reservations to stay at one of its 17 sites. The campground had been on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Boat Camp is on the north side of Emerald Bay, about 1/2 mile east of Fannette Island located in the bay on the west shore of Lake Tahoe, at the site of the old Emerald Bay Resort.

The reservation system will be in effect during the popular mid-June through August summer months. Camping for the rest of the year will be on a first-come, first-served basis. "Reservations will be site specific, guaranteeing that each camper will have a campsite, and know in advance just where it is located," said Supervising Ranger Garratt Aitchison.

Emerald Bay was designated a National Natural Landmark in 1969 for its brilliant panorama of mountain-building processes and glacier carved granite. The natural beauty, geology and history of this unique island make it one of the highlights of any visit to the Lake Tahoe area.

The park, located 22 miles south of Tahoe City, features Vikingsholm, one of the finest examples of Scandinavian architecture in the western hemisphere, and the "Tea House" on Fannette Island, the only island to be found in all of Lake Tahoe.

Emerald Bay was designated an underwater state park in 1994. It is the resting-place for many boats, launches and barges used in the lake before the turn of the century, during the heyday of Emerald Bay Resort and used in the construction of Vikingsholm.

For camping reservations, telephone 1-800-444-PARK (7275) or go on line to <http://www.reserveamerica.com>

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